

EDITORIALS

Just One Vote

One of the candidates for a city office at the April 8 election issued a statement this week expressing his alarm at the apparent apathy in the city election.

His alarm is one that might well be shared by all other citizens of the city who desire to have their voice heard when the decisions are made effecting the growth and progress of the city.

Some of the examples of one vote victories and losses compiled by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel during recent years points up the story that one vote can change the course of history—and it may be your vote at any election.

Chapel says Queen Elizabeth II is on the throne of England today because Arthur Owen made a thrilling and epic 300-mile ride by horseback to cast a ballot for the House of Hanover 250 years ago when parliament was debating the issue. His vote won for the Hanovers, 96 to 95, which brought George I to the throne and led to the line of rulers which is still on the British throne.

One vote in each instance brought California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, and Washington into our federal union.

Because a California Congressman's secretary was "too busy" to vote once, her employer and his only opponent tied on the primary balloting, and the incumbent lost at the flip of a coin.

Patrick Henry, one of the most illustrious and golden-tongued early day American statesmen, made an impassioned speech before the First Continental Congress on Sept. 28, 1774, in opposition to the "Galloway Plan," which would have made a British Dominion out of the colonies. His appeal turned the tide and the plan was defeated by one vote.

One vote cost King Charles I of England his head.

One vote created a Republic of France instead of continuing the monarchy.

One vote resulted in the adoption of prohibition.

One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from being removed from office in the nation's only impeachment proceeding against one of its presidents.

One vote more in each precinct in California would have elected Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes as president in 1916.

Your vote may be only one among thousands, but it may be the one that elects—or rejects.

A Critical Year

This is a critical year for the American Red Cross. Its reserves have been wiped out by the great disasters that have buffeted the country during the past two years. Now it is faced with the gargantuan task of maintaining and even expanding its varied humanitarian services and at the same time rebuilding these reserves, which will be needed in the event of any great national calamity.

It is important, in fact, essential that each one of us recognizes our responsibility in helping the Red Cross toward its 1958 fund goal. Through its blood program, disaster, armed forces, veterans, first aid, water safety, school and other services it probably plays a more important role in the lives of more Americans than any other non-governmental agency.

If a disaster should strike this community, the Red Cross would be here. When blood is needed to save a life, the Red Cross is here. When adults and youngsters want to acquire the skills of swimming, life saving, small craft handling, home nursing and mother and baby care, the Red Cross is here. And when our sons or husbands in the armed forces need help, the Red Cross is there.

The point that should be emphasized here is that we make these free services possible. We are the Red Cross—every one of us—and it is to our advantage and to our community's advantage that we keep the Red Cross strong and on the job for us.

Opinions of Others

Government has grown so large that it is beyond comprehension, incapable of self-regulation, and bent on perpetuation of its various components. People fear the thought of the unwieldy monster attaching even one of its tentacles onto the public schools, no matter how innocent and trivial the initial attachment seems to be.—Riverton (Wyo.) Ranger.

As an old-timer, we can remember when the only time we had for coffee was about an hour before daybreak and two hours after sundown. — Aztec (N.M.) Independent-Review.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

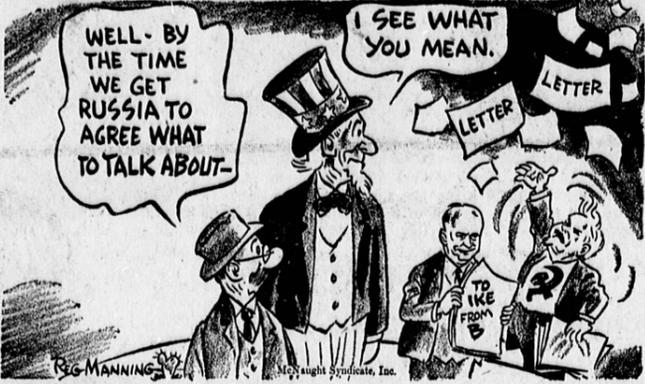
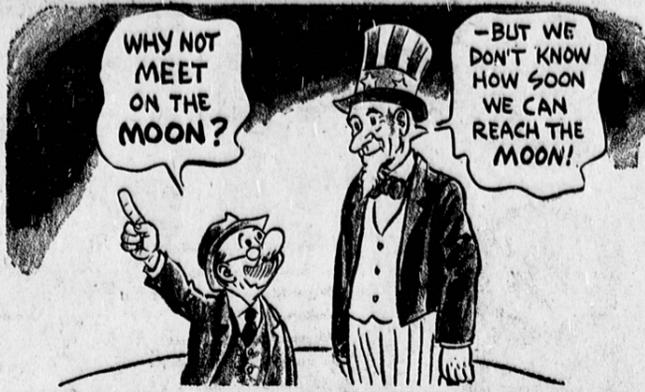
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-20	1 Some 2 These 3 Lucky 4 Could 5 Aspects 6 Contacts 7 Require	31 That 32 Seems 33 A 34 Concern 35 Trick 36 Work 37 Advance
Taurus APR. 21-19	8 Affections 9 Make 10 Decisions 11 Predominate 12 Don't 13 Caution	38 All 39 Smiles 40 A 41 If 42 On 43 Hidden
Gemini MAY 21-20	14 Be 15 Show 16 Push 17 Ad 18 Good 19 Dams	44 You 45 O 46 What 47 Be 48 Are 49 Will
Cancer JUNE 21-20	20 News 21 Efforts 22 Be 23 Miss 24 A 25 Fortune 26 Decline	50 A 51 Efforts 52 Smooth 53 Storm 54 Children 55 Indicated 56 Without
Leo JULY 21-20	27 The 28 Everyone 29 Social 30 But	57 And 58 Education 59 Consulting 60 Others
Virgo AUG. 21-19		61 Overly 62 That 63 Secretive 64 Be 65 Not 66 But 67 Advance 68 You 69 Ambition 70 Can 71 Independent 72 You'll 73 Your 74 Pocketbook 75 Today 76 Gain 77 Brewing 78 Greatly 79 Be
Libra SEPT. 21-19		80 Romantic 81 Do 82 Smooth 83 Oratory 84 Well 85 Invite 86 Entertaining 87 Invitations 88 Today 89 Suspicion 90 Hotels

Good (G) Adverse (A) Neutral (N)

Those Summit Talks



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Skip the Reform Program

Dear Ann: My great aunt is 76 years old. She has a good income, is in excellent health, and has more pep than most people half her age. The problem is this:

When her husband passed away three months ago she moved in with us. We have a new home which we're still paying for. The \$150 a month for room and board looked too good to pass up, even with the anticipated problems.

Auntie likes to drink but unfortunately, she's not content to drink at home. She goes to the taverns every night by taxi. Occasionally, some "kind young man" brings her home, but usually she hires a taxi. The drivers are getting to know her by her first name.

My husband says she's giving our address a bad reputation and that she must stop drinking or move elsewhere. I think he's being too hard on the old dear. What is your opinion?—Polka Dot.

The "old dear" is pretty well marinated by this time, so your husband can forget about the reform program.

It's his address as well as yours. If he doesn't approve of this elderly woman getting plowed in the taverns and then heading for his castle, respect his complaints. Suggest to Auntie that she find another place to live and help to get her settled.

Dear Ann: This is for "Irate Mother" whose beautiful and chaste daughter is pining at home because the "young men of today are interested only in cinches."

I applauded when you told Mother her daughter lacked "it." You were right when you said it takes more than good looks to get and hold a man.

In my youth I was far from pretty, yet I always had more dates than I could handle. In fact I was always fixing up my beautiful girl friends.

Too many girls make the mistake of trying to pattern themselves after movie stars or TV queens. They pencil their eyes, hack off their hair, and walk and talk in a certain way. In brief, they're phony.

Men are attracted to girls who are natural and know how to laugh. They like females who are healthy, enthusiastic, and considerate. The girl with these qualities has "it." She also has more men running after her than she knows what to do with. —I Love Life.

Dear Ann: My husband is a good, big-hearted man. In fact, this is what I'm writing to you about. He's TOO big-hearted.

I think it's fine to give people a helping hand but in my opinion, he's overdoing it.

His young nephew (not even 21) got married seven months ago. He had no steady job and is now unemployed. My husband agreed to stand good for his debts all over town. The nephew's wife is only 18, also a brainless kid with no sense of responsibility.

They've run us into debt \$700 and we are not rich people. The fact that they have no money coming in doesn't seem to bother them. They keep buying things and we get the bills. Please give me your opinion.—The Mean Aunt.

Your husband isn't doing these kids any favors, in spite of what he thinks. It's admirable to lend a "helping hand" but the crutch Uncle is providing could cripple these kids for life.

If Uncle wants to do them a real favor, he should find them both jobs, put them strictly on their own, and instruct them not to buy anything they can't pay cash for.

Confidentially: Embarrassed For Her: There's no excuse for a girl who makes that kind of money to go around looking like a Care package. Tell her to make time, spend the dough and fix herself up.

It is important that a person claiming unemployment insurance report for payment at the appointed hour and day. However, there are two circumstances under which he may be excused:

(1) If the appointment time interferes with his time for reporting to the union for dispatch, the claimant by all means should plan to be at the hiring hall when there is the chance of getting a job. He should tell the interviewer at his first interview if the report time interferes with his reporting to the union as required. The interviewer will request his supervisor to change the appointment time.

(2) If the claimant was prevented from reporting at the assigned time because of an appointment for a job interview, he will receive his insurance check anyway if otherwise eligible, as an interview for work is considered a good cause for not reporting at the regular time or day. However, he should report at the first opportunity.

Readers of this column may obtain a pamphlet on unemployment insurance by writing a card or letter to the Department of Employment, 1628 Cravens Ave.

Antie Moves into the House

Although I've spent years trying to get the ants out of my house, some people are bringing the little critters into their homes—as pets yet.

One of the current crazes is the ant farm, which contains dirt encased between two sheets of plastic. As the ants burrow through the earth, the proud owner can watch and see nature in the raw.

Somebody brought one of the farms to the office, since then, coffee break time has become a period when the employees stand around and gawk at the ants at work. As a result, people at the office have bought the farms for their homes.

Although the ant farms are supposed to teach kiddies about nature, the adults seem far more interested than the small fry.

The Middle East's New Look

The merger of Egypt, Syria and Yemen into the United Arab Republic and the Iraqi-Jordanian union provides the world with significant political changes in the Middle East. They should not be underestimated.

This is especially true in the case of UAR. For this United Arab Republic is not merely a power-political move by Egypt's Nasser, but a fanatical age-old dream and passion of the Arab man-of-the-street.

We have heard this for years in the Middle East: "We live for the day when all Arabs will be one."

This was before, as well as after the establishment of Israel. Since Israel, the slogan took on a more fanatical significance. For Israel has been and is the unifying focus of Arab and Moslem emotions and this present Arab nationalism and the political undertone of the mergers is geared to raise the bargaining and military power of the Arab world against two rivals: Israel and the colonial policies of Britain and France. For these, as well as other mergers to come, no doubt will have political repercussions from the oil fields of Iraq to Tunisia and Algiers.

From the Middle East recently we referred to Jordan as an "artificial state," ruled by an artificial king who appears more interested in fast motorcars than in the welfare of his people.

Jordan is artificial because it cannot exist as a nation without outside financial help. It never could. Hence the main reason for its absorption by Iraq. Since the Arab-Israel crisis in Palestine, Jordan's major population consisted of Palestinian Arab refugees, whose main purpose of existence was to re-group their forces for a counterattack against Israel.

From Jordan's Jerusalem they see their former homes on the Israel side. They even threatened the throne of King Hussein last year for his soft policy toward Israel. Only the financial and military intervention of the U.S., which landed marines in Beirut, saved the king.

The merger of Egypt and Syria, for it geographically separates the two. Had Jordan joined Egypt and Syria, the military encirclement of Israel would have been critical indeed. From the immediate point of view the Iraq-Jordan merger will ease tensions between Arab and Jew.

Unlike the Iraq-Jordan merger, the United Arab Republic was created for the purpose of solidifying Arab nationalism primarily against two rivals: Israel and to what is referred in the Arab world as "Western Imperialism," actually meaning Britain and France, which is an ally.

The merger, however, is mostly emotional and psychological. The military potential is the same... about 150,000 troops between Egypt-Syria, as before, with the advantage of a single command.

However, with Jordan joining Iraq, it would be more difficult than ever to combine these two armies for any Israel attack. Iraq is a much more powerful opponent inside the Bagdad alliance than Jordan. But psychologically the merger has increased the danger of war, rather than decreased it.

Israel is still stronger than the United Arab Republic, with an effective mobilization strength of more than 250,000 troops. We saw this army again recently. In case of attack the West could supply Israel faster and more adequately than could Russia supply Syria and Egypt. Israel would be fighting on its soil with the sea at its back... such deperation has proven its value in the previous Arab attack in 1948, when Israel and Jordan

stands at about 100,000 troops. It is more likely that this army would stay neutral than to join in any attack against Israel. This could change depending on the attitude of Saudi Arabia and other Arab and Moslem countries... and depending on the disposition of the Tunisia-Algiers crisis, by the French.

The merger of Egypt and Syria has brought together the two countries in the Middle East closest to the Soviet Union. However, the merger eliminated the danger of the Communist party inside Syria, for already President Nasser of the UAR has outlawed the Communist party in Syria as he had in Egypt. There is less Communist military tie-up now than before.

The combined Arab population of about 28,000,000 (Egypt 24 million, Syria four million) is preponderantly anti-Communist and fanatically religious. The single parliament under the new set-up will be devoid of Communists. But it will still be closer to Russia than to the West.

In the overall military picture, however, the UAR will control the Suez canal at the major oil lines running through Syria. As a matter of fact, all the pipelines from the Middle East to the Mediterranean run through Syria. This is a formidable weapon for the UAR in case of trouble.

Actually, the creation of the Egypt-Syria state has reduced the power of Communism, while increasing the power of Arab nationalism. In our opinion a United Arab federation in the Middle East strengthens the anti-Communist elements, but also strengthens Arab power against both Russia and the West.

Such an Arab federation could lead to the freedom of all colonial areas in the Middle East and place the Arab world in a better bargaining position in regard to oil, royalties, the Suez canal and the whole political and trade picture of the entire Middle East.

Q.—Can anything be done for the hearing nerve after it is damaged by noise.—O.M.

A.—Not for the nerve itself, but considerable help can be given the individual through such rehabilitative measures as lip reading, speech training, and electronic hearing aids.

Q.—How long will a person be off work following a hernia operation?—W.D.

A.—In the average adult the repair of a hernia is usually not a long-lasting procedure. The patient may be hospitalized for a week or less, ambulatory shortly after surgery and up and about all during his hospital stay. The length of time off work depends on the type of hernia and on the type of work performed—varying from a month to three months.

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My Neighbors

"At this point, I'd say that dependents are a poor substitute for tax relief!"